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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (OGR) serves as the State Administering Agency for many of the Commonwealth's federal criminal justice, highway safety, and homeland security funds. The EOPSS OGR newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, trainings, and funding opportunities with public safety professionals throughout the Commonwealth. The information in this newsletter is sourced from federal, state, and local agencies as well as other sources and is compiled by the Research and Policy Analysis Division at OGR.

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## EOPSS/OGR Funding Opportunities

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### **Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Local Action Research Partnership Availability of Grant Funds**

Application Deadline: May 26, 2011 5 P.M.

The Office of Grants & Research has issued an Availability of Grant Funds to allow funded Shannon Community Safety Initiative sites the opportunity to collaborate with Local Action Research Partners. Local Action Research Partners shall provide strategic, analytic, and research support to individual Shannon CSI sites to assure that the Shannon CSI grant investment achieves the greatest possible reduction in youth violence and gang activity. This \$500,000 grant program is anticipated to begin on July 1, 2011 and last for one year. For more information: [www.mass.gov/safety/shannon](http://www.mass.gov/safety/shannon).

### **2011 Pedestrian, Bicycle, Moped-type Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant**

Application Deadline: May 27, 2011 3 P.M.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$100,000 in funding for federal fiscal year 2011 for grants to local police departments and/or municipalities to develop or enhance an effective pedestrian, bicycle, and/or moped-type enforcement effort to reduce the incidence of fatalities and injuries in these areas. Go to [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) and click on 2011 Pedestrian, Bicycle, Moped-type Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant for application, narrative, and details.

### **FFY 2011 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program**

Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment through July 29, 2011

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the continued availability of approximately \$650,000 in federal grant funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 for municipal, college, and university law enforcement agencies with Chapter 90 arrest powers to participate in the two remaining high visibility traffic enforcement mobilizations in May – June and August – September. The grant application and related paperwork are posted on our website, [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) under the “FFY 2011 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program” link.

### **John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program**

Application Deadline: June 29, 2011

The John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program provides loan repayment assistance for eligible local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years after being awarded loan repayment assistance.

For more information:

[http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsmodulechunk&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=eops\\_jrj\\_justice\\_grant\\_program\\_%26\\_materials&csid=Eeops](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsmodulechunk&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=eops_jrj_justice_grant_program_%26_materials&csid=Eeops)

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **FY 2011 Secure Our Schools**

*Office of Community Oriented Policing Services*

Application Deadline: May 25, 2011

The Secure Our Schools (SOS) program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to law enforcement to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds, including violence prevention initiatives, deterrent measures, and security assessments. The SOS program is two years in duration and provides a maximum federal share of \$500,000. Agencies are required to contribute a local cash match of 50 percent toward the total costs of the approved grant project. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority within a partner primary or secondary school are eligible to apply. There will be two deadlines for the FY 2011 Secure Our Schools program. The deadline for priority consideration will be 8:59 P.M. on May 25, 2011 and the second and final deadline will be 8:59 P.M. on June 8, 2011.

For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2368>

### **Methodological Research to Support the National Crime Victimization Survey: Self-Report Data on Rape and Sexual Assault – Pilot Test Solicitation**

*Bureau of Justice Statistics*

Application Deadline: June 15, 2011

The solicitation seeks applicants to develop and test optimum data collection procedures for self-report data on rape and sexual assault. The focus of the work under this solicitation is to develop, implement, and test survey methods for providing estimates of rape and sexual assault and to determine the feasibility of using these procedures in the National Crime Victimization Survey program.

Applicants for funding under this announcement should provide a synopsis of their background in the field that documents their expertise with the issues, demonstrates that their firm has the infrastructure necessary to complete a large scale pilot test, and describes the administrative capabilities necessary to undertake a project of this scope. The Bureau of Justice Statistics anticipates making one award for a 30-month period under this solicitation under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

For more information: [http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvssdrsapt\\_sol.pdf](http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cvssdrsapt_sol.pdf)

### **Electronic and Cyber Crime National Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program**

*Bureau of Justice Assistance*

Application Deadline: June 16, 2011

This program aims to provide funds for high quality, cost-effective training targeting the prevention, investigation, and response to electronic, cyber, and high tech crimes. Applicants should propose the use of innovative, cost-effective delivery methods, such as webinars, law enforcement roll call, and academy training, and clearly explain how they will address the training needs of different agencies and

disciplines. In addition, applicants should provide, under continuous oversight and guidance from Bureau of Justice Assistance, high-quality, cost-effective technical assistance to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions/agencies on electronic, cyber, and high-tech crimes.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11ECrimeTTAsol.pdf>

### **FY 2011 Family Drug Court Programs**

*Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

Application Deadline: June 20, 2011

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will award funding to enhance the capacity of family drug courts. The Family Drug Courts Program builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments to either implement new drug courts or enhance pre-existing drug courts for individuals with substance abuse disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders. Applicants must provide services to the children of the parents in the program as well as to the parents. This program provides seed money, not long-term support. OJJDP expects successful applicants to develop and implement a sustainability plan during the grant period to continue operation of the family drug court when the grant ends.

For more information: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/FamilyDrug.pdf>

### **Honest Opportunity Probation with Enforcement Demonstration Field Experiment (HOPE DFE)**

*Bureau of Justice Assistance and National Institute of Justice*

Application Deadline: June 28, 2011

The Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Justice are supporting this multi-site Demonstration Field Experiment (DFE) in an effort to enhance public safety and to improve the outcomes of probationers. This DFE will combine a multi-site demonstration of the Hawaii HOPE model with a rigorous experimental evaluation in an applied setting. This solicitation is a part of the Smart Probation initiative, which is intended to: (a) improve supervision strategies that will reduce recidivism, (b) promote and increase collaboration among agencies and officials who work in probation and related fields, and (c) develop and implement strategies to improve the outcomes of “high-risk” probationers.

For more information on this solicitation: <http://www.bja.gov/grant/11HOPEsol.pdf>

### **Evaluation of the Honest Opportunity Probation With Enforcement Demonstration Field Experiment (HOPE DFE)**

*National Institute of Justice*

Application Deadline: July 6, 2011

As part of a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to implement and rigorously test important criminal justice interventions and programs, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks competitive proposals for a single award that will support a multi-site randomized controlled trial program evaluation of the HOPE DFE. Jurisdictions across the United States are seeking effective ways to maintain public safety by holding offenders accountable while at the same time reducing costs of imprisonment. A recent NIJ-funded evaluation of the Hawaii HOPE program showed that the program has great promise for reducing offending and ensuring probationer compliance by combining random drug tests with swift and certain sanctions for probation violations. Based on these positive findings, BJA will fund the expansion of the original HOPE program model implemented in Hawaii to four other sites. Every effort will be made to replicate the original program as closely as possible in the new sites. The demonstration field experiment will examine the HOPE program’s

processes, outcomes, and cost effectiveness through a multi-site study conducted for the explicit purpose of generating evidence about this probation program.

For more information on this solicitation: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000977.pdf>

## Research and Publications

### **Jail Inmates at Midyear 2010 - Statistical Tables**

*Bureau of Justice Statistics*

April 14, 2011

This document presents data on numbers of jails and analyzes patterns of growth and decline in jail populations. These statistical tables include data on rated capacity of jails, percent of capacity occupied, and capacity added. The tables provide estimates of admissions to jails and detail the volume of movement among the jail population. This document also includes total numbers for jail inmates by sex, race, and Hispanic origin. Between midyear 2009 and midyear 2010, the confined inmate population in county and city jails (748,728) declined by 2.4% (18,706 inmates). On June 30, 2010, adults represented 99% of all jail inmates. Males accounted for 87.7%, and females accounted for 12.3%. The estimated rated capacity for all jail jurisdictions at midyear 2010 reached 866,974 beds, an increase of 2.0% (17,079 beds) from midyear 2009.

For full text: <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2375>

### **Incarcerated Women, Their Children, and the Nexus with Foster Care**

*National Institute of Justice*

April 2011

This report presents the results of a project that merged administrative databases from different state agencies in Illinois into one large database that would provide a more complete picture of the incarceration, employment, social, and child welfare histories of women and their children. The project had five primary objectives: 1) to provide an in-depth description of the data; 2) compare children's experiences in the foster care system in the database to statistics on the experiences of all children in the foster care system; 3) describe the timing and dynamics of foster care spells of incarcerated mothers; 4) compare incarcerated women who were in the foster care system as children with their counterparts who did not enter the child welfare system as children; and 5) to improve the quality of the matches between prison spells, foster care spells, and several labor market outcomes of the women both before and after their first prison spells.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/234110.pdf>

### **In Brief: Block by Block: Zeroing in on Crime Trends**

*National Institute of Justice*

March 2011

Police and researchers have long focused on crime at the neighborhood and precinct levels. More recently, law enforcement agencies have been finding that identifying and focusing on "hot spots" is a fruitful approach to crime prevention. A new study shows that it may be even more effective to take such approaches down to the level of individual city blocks. The researchers examined, among other things, routine activity theory and social disorganization theory. Routine activity theory suggests that crime occurs when a motivated offender, a suitable target, and the lack of a capable guardian converge in the same place at the same time. Social disorganization theory is based on the idea that relationships among people and institutions within an ecological unit (like a neighborhood) are generally organized.



The researchers in this study were interested in seeing if social disorganization theory could be meaningfully applied to an even smaller unit — the street segment.

For more information: <http://www.nij.gov/journals/267/crimetrends.htm>

### **New Report Shows States Increasing Efforts on Distracted Driving**

*Governors Highway Safety Association*

June 2010

The Governors Highway Safety Association released a new report that provides the first comprehensive look at state activities and programs to address the growing problem of distracted driving. The survey found that states are aggressively pursuing solutions to distracted driving including: stronger laws, increased data collection, new education programs, public/private partnerships, and a growing reliance on new media to spread the message.

For more information: <http://www.distraction.gov/files/for-media/06.15.10-GHSA-Distracted-Release-508.pdf>

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **Supporting Children Living with Grief and Trauma: A Multidisciplinary Approach**

*Office for Victims of Crime and Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center*

June 14, 2011 to June 15, 2011, Salem, Massachusetts

This training is designed to teach participants to examine how children perceive death, how they process grief and trauma, and how you can recognize the signs of grief and trauma in children and support their recovery. Using a multidisciplinary team approach, victim service providers, mental health professionals, and law enforcement can improve existing services and create new opportunities to support children living with grief.

For more information: <http://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspSupportingChildren.cfm>

### **State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program: Train-the-Trainer Workshop**

*Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; New England State Police Information Network; and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts*

June 28, 2011 to June 29, 2011, Franklin, Massachusetts

Law enforcement trainers or terrorism investigators who also serve as terrorism instructors should attend this training. Instruction will be provided by experienced law enforcement practitioners and other subject-matter experts on domestic and international terrorism, special interest and single-issue terrorism, terrorism indicators, law enforcement intelligence, and officer safety issues.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/registration/SLATT>

### **Next Generation Leadership Summit for Public Safety Professionals**

*Fitchburg Police Department and Fitchburg State University*

July 31, 2011 to August 5, 2011, Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Fitchburg State University, Center for Professional Studies; Crocker Center for Civic Engagement, Criminal Justice Program; and the Fitchburg Police Department are collaborating to present a leadership summit for public safety, not-for-profits, and business and education professionals.

For more information: [www.fitchburgstate.edu/cps/publicsafetysummit.cfm](http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/cps/publicsafetysummit.cfm)

### **35th Annual Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) Training Conference**

*International Association of Chiefs of Police*

June 13, 2011 to June 15, 2011, San Diego, California

The Law Enforcement Information Management Conference hosts law enforcement chief executives, commanders, operational practitioners, technical developers, and industry representatives to share

leading practices and lessons learned in the innovative application of technology to improve officer and public safety, enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations, and build enterprise-wide information sharing capabilities.

For more information: <http://www.theiacp.org/Technology/LEIM2011Conference/tabid/719/Default.aspx>

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Leadership Conference (NLC)**

*Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center*

August 10 to August 12, 2011, Orlando, Florida

The conference includes plenary sessions along with presentations by law enforcement, judicial members, youth, researchers and community leaders. The 2011 NLC theme is “Spotlighting Community Solutions for Underage Drinking,” and there will be discussion of the new tools, research, and technology being developed and currently utilized as resources in the efforts to enforce underage drinking laws nationwide. The NLC will include: pre-conference activities for EUDL Coordinators and invited guests; Experiential Learning Exercises; Youth Track and Presentation; and Law Enforcement, Leadership Institute, and Success Story Awards.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.dgimeetings.com/Registration.aspx>

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Stories of valor, bravery**

*Lowell Sun*, April 14, 2011

This article details the acts of meritorious and brave service by Chelmsford Police Department officers honored at the annual police awards breakfast at the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks, sponsored by the Chelmsford Police Foundation.

For more information: [http://www.lowellsun.com/rss/ci\\_17843559?source=rss#ixzz1KZLtK4Qj](http://www.lowellsun.com/rss/ci_17843559?source=rss#ixzz1KZLtK4Qj)

### **Public Defenders Stretched Thin by State Cuts**

*The Wall Street Journal*, April 14, 2011

States and counties struggling to balance their budgets are cutting spending on public defenders, a move some lawyers say is compromising criminal defendants' constitutional right to counsel. Providing for that right, enshrined in a 1963 Supreme Court ruling, has grown increasingly expensive amid a dramatic rise in arrests and prosecutions in recent decades. Spending on indigent defense rose from about \$1 billion in 1986 to roughly \$5.3 billion in 2008, according to a 2010 report released by the American Bar Association. The increase was partly in response to litigation challenging the adequacy of funding for indigent defense, lawyers said. The austerity moves stemming from funding constraints these days include laying off public defenders, holding the line on salaries, and reducing spending on the defense's case investigators and staff training.

For more information:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704530204576232812464584064.html?mod=ITP\\_pageone\\_1](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704530204576232812464584064.html?mod=ITP_pageone_1)

### **Judges See Sentencing Injustice, but the Calendar Disagrees**

*The New York Times*, April 18, 2011

The federal judiciary is in something like open rebellion over a new law addressing the sentences to be meted out to people convicted of selling crack cocaine. A couple of weeks ago, for instance, a judge in Massachusetts said he found it “unendurable” to have to impose sentences that are “both unjust and racist.” The new law, the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, narrowed the vast gap between penalties for crimes involving crack and powder cocaine, a development many judges welcomed. The problem is that the law seems to reduce sentences only for offenses committed after it went into effect in August.

The usual rule is that laws do not apply retroactively unless Congress says so, and here Congress said nothing. That seems to mean that hundreds and perhaps thousands of defendants who committed crack-related crimes before August will still face very harsh sentences.

For more information:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/19/us/19bar.html?ref=adamliptak&gwh=C61C0D0CEADF60EBB7412F2245401971>

### **NTSB member: On-job-napping could help controllers**

*The Boston Herald*, April 25, 2011

On-the-job naps should be considered as part of a plan to address fatigue by air traffic controllers, airline pilots, and others who work overnight shifts, a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) member said today. There is an abundance of scientific studies that show short naps of between 20 and 30 minutes refresh workers suffering fatigue and help them remain alert when they return to their duties, said NTSB member Mark Rosekind, an internationally recognized fatigue expert who formerly worked for NASA and directed a sleep research center at Stanford University. Since late March the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has disclosed at least five cases of controllers falling asleep on the job. Rosekind credited the FAA under Babbitt for proposing the first major overhaul in decades of regulations aimed at preventing fatigue among airline pilots. However, he noted the proposal does not include "controlled napping" by pilots even though FAA-funded research recommended such napping two decades ago.

For more information:

<http://bostonherald.com/news/national/general/view.bg?&articleid=1333180&format=&page=1&listingType=nat#articleFull>

### **Holder Urges States To Review Laws Imposing Curbs On Ex-Prisoners**

*Crime and Justice News*, April 26, 2011

Attorney General Eric Holder is urging states to eliminate legal burdens on ex-convicts that do not imperil public safety. In a letter last week to all state governors and attorneys general, he said some restrictions such as the prohibition on gun possession, "serve meaningful public safety goals." Others, such as the "denial of employment and housing opportunities, do not, and research reveals that gainful employment and stable housing are key factors that enable people with criminal convictions to avoid future arrests and incarceration," he wrote. Holder pledged that the Obama administration would "conduct a similar review of federal collateral consequences" of criminal convictions.

For more information: <http://www.thecrimereport.org/news/crime-and-justice-news/2011-04-holder-urges-states-to-review-laws-that-impose-restr>

### **State's high court rejects challenge to gun permit age limits**

*The Boston Globe*, April 28, 2011

The state's highest court has rejected a challenge to the age limits set in the state's gun permitting laws, saying the criminal defendant who had challenged the laws had no right to do so because he had not even applied for permits. Though it did not address the issue head-on, the court noted that while a recent Supreme Court decision found a right to keep firearms in the home for self-defense, the Supreme Court had not ruled out "regulations concerning who may possess a right to keep and bear arms."

For more information: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking\\_news/2011/04/states\\_high\\_cou\\_1.html](http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2011/04/states_high_cou_1.html)

### **A Criminal Past Makes a Job Search Even Harder**

*The New York Times*, April 28, 2011

More Americans with criminal histories than ever before are seeking jobs as they are released from prison, a legacy of overcrowding, stiffer sentencing, and increased enforcement for nonviolent crimes like drug offenses, criminal justice experts said. Almost 65 million Americans have criminal records, either for an arrest or a conviction, according to a recent report by the National Employment Law



Project, whose policy co-director, Maurice Emsellem, says that the figure is probably an underestimate. “We’re spending a tremendous amount of money incarcerating people and then creating a system where it’s almost impossible for them to find gainful employment,” said Adam T. Klein, an employment lawyer with Outten & Golden in New York. Many companies, advocates say, screen out anyone who has a hint of criminal activity in his or her background, in violation of government guidelines that demand that employers take into account the severity of an offense, the length of time that has passed, and its relevance to the job in question.

For more information:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/29/us/29records.html?ref=us&gwh=A9BA089147BBB407DE2897C5D5F61EBD>

### **Recovering rides**

*The Boston Globe*, April 29, 2011

Kryptonite, the Canton maker of sturdy, U-shaped bike locks, is hoping to provide cyclists with new tools that tap the power of social media to improve the chances of recovering a stolen bike. Starting in Boston, Kryptonite will begin selling an identity kit that uses stickers with bar codes that attach to bikes. The company plans to roll out the stickers in 10 other cities in coming weeks.

For more information:

[http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2011/04/29/u\\_lock\\_pioneer\\_uses\\_social\\_media\\_to\\_fight\\_bike\\_theft/?s\\_campaign=8315](http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2011/04/29/u_lock_pioneer_uses_social_media_to_fight_bike_theft/?s_campaign=8315)

### **Letting teen drink under parent’s watch backfires**

*MSNBC*, April 29, 2011

MSNBC reports a new study at the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota shows that teens who drink with an adult supervising are more likely to develop problems with alcohol than kids who do not drink until age 21.

For more information: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42807670/ns/health-kids\\_and\\_parenting/from/toolbar](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42807670/ns/health-kids_and_parenting/from/toolbar)

### **Mass. courtroom wired as test lab for citizen journalists to blog, tweet most cases**

*Washington Post*, May 2, 2011

When the camera switches on in one of the busiest courtrooms in Massachusetts, murder arraignments, traffic, and drug cases heard there will become fodder for a new experiment: how bloggers and other citizen journalists can cover courts using new media and social media. Starting Monday, most of what happens in a bustling courtroom in Quincy District Court will be streamed live over the Web for anyone to see. The courtroom, which usually does not allow reporters to use computers, will now welcome laptops, iPads, and smartphones, and will encourage live blogging, Tweeting, and Facebooking.

For more information: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/omg-mass-courtroom-wired-as-test-lab-for-citizen-journalists-to-blog-tweet-most-cases/2011/05/02/AFV52cXF\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/omg-mass-courtroom-wired-as-test-lab-for-citizen-journalists-to-blog-tweet-most-cases/2011/05/02/AFV52cXF_story.html)

### **Collaborative plans to reduce binge drinking on campus**

*The Boston Globe*, May 3, 2011

Using the same approach he once used to treat tuberculosis in Peru, the president of Dartmouth College is leading a national initiative to reduce binge drinking: a learning collaborative focused on measuring what works in one place and sharing it elsewhere. Thirteen other colleges and universities have signed on to the project that Jim Yong Kim announced yesterday, but officials expect to increase the total to about 20 before it gets underway next month. The project will bring together teams from each campus three times in 18 months to share their experiences and help one another test strategies back home.

For more information:

[http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2011/05/03/collaborative\\_plans\\_to\\_reduce\\_binge\\_drinking\\_on\\_campus/?s\\_campaign=8315](http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2011/05/03/collaborative_plans_to_reduce_binge_drinking_on_campus/?s_campaign=8315)

## Announcements

### Fair and Impartial Policing Modules to be available on DVD

In March, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) announced the Fair and Impartial Policing Website with Video Modules at [www.mass.gov/eopss](http://www.mass.gov/eopss) for use by police departments and for community outreach. Currently, the Highway Safety Division is in the process of translating the five modules into Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Creole, Khmer, Chinese, Cape Verdean, and Vietnamese.

If your police department would like the five modules on a DVD in English or any of the languages above, please send your request noting the languages you need for community outreach to [Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us). Based on the response from MCOPA members, we will order sufficient copies for local police departments. We anticipate the no-cost DVDs will be ready early June. Thank you.

### CORI Reform Update

As of April 22, 2011, all certifications to access CORI have been automatically renewed through May 4, 2012. Although the current processing time is 5-10 business days, depending on the type of request, the expected increase in the volume of CORI requests over the summer could result in additional delays in processing.

For more information: <http://www.masslegalhelp.org/housing/private-housing/ch16/criminal-records-and-your-right-to-privacy>, <http://www.wilmerhale.com/publications/whPubsDetail.aspx?publication=9586>, <http://blog.aimnet.org/AIM-IssueConnect/bid/44312/Criminal-Record-Access-Overhaul-Has-Implications-for-Hiring-Practices>

### May is National Bike Month

There are many ways to promote better safety guidelines for bike riders. Cyclists are far less visible than other cars and trucks. Statistics show that most accidents occur during peak hour traffic which is 8 - 10 A.M. and 4 - 6 P.M.

According to the Responsible Cyclist Association, the following safety tips include:

- Obey all road rules in the same way that they apply to motorists
- Give respect first in order to gain respect second
- Be positive, not punitive towards other cyclists and road users
- Thank considerate road users with a cheerful wave as often as possible
- Keep as far left as is safely practical at all times
- Do not ride two abreast if it causes obstruction, delays, or danger to other road users
- Actively assist other traffic to pass safely on busy or narrow roads
- Clearly signal your intended direction
- Do not abuse inconsiderate road users
- Share the road fairly with other cyclists and drivers

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